

I support the proposal of allowing AM stations with weak nighttime signals to improve their nighttime service thru the use of FM translators. I believe there should be limited restrictions placed on the AM stations using FM translators. The AM stations should be permitted to operate the translators not only at night, but also during the daytime hours the same as FM stations. The AM translators should be allowed to operate with the same requirements as FM translators presently do.

The Commission requested comments on the following issues:

Should all AM stations have the opportunity to operate or broker time on translators? Or only those with limited nighttime authorizations?

I believe only AM stations with limited nighttime coverage should be first allowed to operate on the translators. The AM stations with stronger power like ABC (770) in NYC covers a large area of the east coast at night and don't need a translator to cover their area of license.

If an AM licensee owns an FM station in the same coverage area, should that affect its eligibility to operate an FM translator?

No it should not affect its eligibility. When an FM station files for a translator does the FCC check to see if it operates an AM station? In fact a FM station can have several translators in the same area and AM stations. The programming on many AM stations is either sports or talk, which is usually not the same as on FM.

Should the number of FM translators that an AM station is permitted to operate be limited?

It should be the same for AM as it is for FM.